

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 17, 1877, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel G. Hubbard to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Cambridge, May 17th. 1877. My darling Alec:

So you took a hack in spite of my reprimands? Did you really go to the Boston and Albany Depot? I thought Mamma and Papa looked very much surprised when I repeated what you told me. I got home safely, and am none the worse for the trip thank you. You poor Alec I suppose you are now in the pangs of anxiety over the success of your lecture tonight. I hope you may be taking a short nap. I shall look out anxiously to hear how your lecture succeeds, that is if there are many people in Chickering Hall tonight, I know everything else will. I wish I could be with you now.

Mamma and I went into Boston today, and I took your book to the library. The fine was 14 cts. Isn't it most time to get a new card, yours is not remarkable for it's newness or cleanness.

I wonder if it is very warm in New York. It was quite hot this morning and we started in to town fully equipped with fans and parasols, and for an hour or two suffered severely from the heat, then all of a sudden the wind changed and it is quite cool, almost cold. It feels very lonely here now, I am the only person in the house. Mamma went out to see Carrie, she was pretty sick yesterday. Mamma and Papa have not come yet and I begin to wonder if we are going to have anything to eat. I see no preparations for dinner and am hungry. To my great relief Mrs. Gibson has come in and we are going to have so something.

You see I have little to tell you. That we miss you dreadfully and our hearts and thoughts are constantly with you goes without saying. 2 I wish I could put my arms around you —

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and tell you not to be troubled, but to do your part faithfully and be sure that whatever comes is for the best even though we see it not.

Goodbye dear Alec.

Give my love to Grandpa and Auntie and Sister and kind regards to Mr. Marsh.

I am your loving, Mabel.

If Papa tries to help you try not to be irritated at any want of tact on his part. He I think really loves you and I know would do any thing he could for you. It is not his fault if sometimes he annoye you. Let him at least advise you about the sum to be paid you by Mr. Bradley. He is a lawyer, grown gray in just that work and surely knows more than you who are not a lawyer. And Alec dear if people should fail to come to tonight's lecture, which I don't believe, do not be discouraged even if many people do not come. Mr. A. G. BELL — the few who do will very likely be men who have more than a mere feeling of curiosity in the telephone. If on the contrary the hall is crowded, well I can but send you congratulations and ever so much love.